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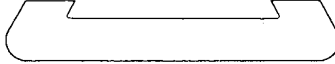
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**LONG MARCH 3
SONGLIN SPACE LAUNCH SITE A, CHINA**

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1. (S/D) SIGNIFICANCE: COMPLETION OF THE FIRST COMPATABILITY TEST OF THE LONG MARCH 3.
2. (S/D) REMARKS: THE NEW CHINESE LONG MARCH 3 SPACE LAUNCH VEHICLE IS BEING DISASSEMBLED AT SONGLIN SPACE LAUNCH SITE A, INDICATING THAT THE FIRST COMPATABILITY TEST OF THIS VEHICLE HAS BEEN COMPLETED. THE SERVICE ARMS TO THE MISSILE SERVICE TOWER HAVE BEEN RETRACTED, AND THE SECOND-STAGE AIRFRAME IS BEING LOWERED TO THE GROUND BY THE SERVICE TOWER CRANE. THE FIRST-STAGE AIRFRAME REMAINS ERECTED ON THE LAUNCH STAND, HOWEVER THE AERODYNAMIC FINS HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM THE BASE. THE THIRD-STAGE AIRFRAME IS ON A TRANSPORTER ON THE SERVICE APRON.

THIS COMPATABILITY TESTING OF LONG MARCH 3 MISSILE EQUIPMENT HAS BEEN IN PROGRESS HERE SINCE LATE-FEBRUARY 1982. THE LONG MARCH 3 IS A THREE-STAGE DERIVATIVE OF THE TWO-STAGE CSL-2 DESIGNED FOR LAUNCHING SATELLITES INTO GEOSYNCHRONOUS ORBITS.

3. COORDINATES 28-14-50N 102-01-43E

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